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CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing enhanced quality audio streaming, the system comprising:

an audio streaming server providing an audio stream;

a client including a buffer storing at least portions of said audio stream received from said audio streaming server;

a buffer status sensor operative to monitor the contents of said buffer; and

a client audio output enhancer operative in response to an output from said buffer status sensor for providing a modified audio stream output including inserted pre-recorded informational audio segments which were not received from said audio streaming server.

2-4. Canceled

5. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 2 1 and wherein said inserted audio segments comprise advertisements.

6. (Original) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said client comprises a telephone.

7. Canceled

8. (Original) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said client comprises a telephone and an IVR.

9. Canceled

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10. (Original) A system according to claim 1 and wherein said client provides a real time output.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for providing enhanced quality audio streaming, the method comprising:

providing an audio stream to a client;

storing in a buffer at least portions of said audio stream;

monitoring contents of said buffer; and

providing a modified audio stream, which includes inserted pre-recorded informational audio segments which were not received in said audio stream, in response to an output from said monitoring.

12-14. Canceled

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said inserted audio segments comprise advertisements.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said client comprises a telephone.

17. Canceled

18. (Original) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said client comprises a telephone and an IVR.

19. Canceled

20. (Original) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said modified audio stream is a real time output.

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21. (Currently Amended) A system for providing sophisticated seeking in an audio stream, the system comprising:

an audio streaming server providing an audio stream;

an audio sampler, intermittently sampling portions of said audio stream;

an audio sampling store, storing said portions sampled by said audio sampler; and

an audio stream portion navigating seeker operative to sequentially render said portions and operative to insert at least one informational audible tone among said portions rendered thereby.

22. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio sampler is operative to sample complete phrases.

23. Canceled

24. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio sampler is voice command responsive.

25. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio sampler samples portions which are selected generally periodically.

26. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio stream portion navigating seeker is operative to render via a telephone.

27. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and wherein said audio stream portion navigating seeker is operative to render via an IVR and a telephone.

28. Canceled

29. Canceled

30. (Original) A system according to claim 21 and also comprising a user operative, seeking responsive audio stream renderer, operative to render the audio stream beginning from a sampled portion selected by a user.

31. (Currently Amended) A method for providing sophisticated seeking in an audio stream, the method comprising:

providing an audio stream;  
intermittently sampling portions of said audio stream;  
storing said intermittently sampled portions of said audio stream;  
seeking by sequentially rendering said portions;

and

inserting at least one informational audible tone among said portions rendered thereby.

32. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said intermittently sampling samples complete phrases.

33. Canceled

34. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said intermittently sampling is voice command responsive.

35. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said intermittently sampling samples portions which are selected generally periodically.

36. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said seeking includes rendering via a telephone.

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37. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and wherein said seeking includes rendering via an IVR and a telephone.

38-39. Canceled

40. (Original) A method according to claim 31 and also comprising rendering the audio stream beginning from a sampled portion selected by a user.